proceedings to have the privatization contract annulled, Aredato board member Juri Eerik told BNS.

The Privatization Agency board affirmed on Tuesday that the decision to sell the candy factory to the Talinvest investment fund will remain in force.

Eerik maintained that the agency board disseminated on Tuesday tendentious information about the bidding and that only the court can establish the truth.

Aredato is going to have the bids examined by a reputable auditing company, as it has reason to believe that the analysis submitted by Price Waterhouse, which handled the bidding, was tendentious, he added.

A Price Waterhouse representative earlier told BNS the company analysed the bids in accordance with Privatization Agency guidelines.

The chairwoman of the agency board said on Tuesday Aredato's offer was weaker in most points than the others, which she said Price Waterhouse had confirmed.

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<B>LITHUANIAN PRESIDENT ABOUT RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA<D>

VILNIUS, September 6, ELTA - "Our neighbour Russia is a big, rich and influential country in the World, and there should be normal relations with it in all spheres. On the whole, the relations with Russia are normal", Lithuanian President Algirdas Brazauskas stated in his interview to the Russian news agency ITAR-TASS.

Lithuanian state leader also noted that still there existed certain unresolved problems.

The negotiations concerning the border with the Kaliningrad region remained unfinished. "There is no answer to the question, why Russia stopped the negotiating process, as there is no reason for that", Lithuanian President said.

He added that Lithuania had already established state borders with all its neighbours, except Russia.

Algirdas Brazauskas gave positive evaluation to the efforts of Russian leadership to grant a specific status from the economic point of view to the Kaliningrand region.

While asked about his possible visit to Moscow or Russian President's potential visit to Lithuania Algirdas Brazauskas said: ''I am waiting for the Russia's reaction. We would meet Russian President Boris Yeltsin in Lithuania with pleasure and devote maximum attention to him. We are ready for that. I would also be glad to visit Moscow, as during my term in office for two years and a half I visited Moscow only once".

President Brazauskas noted that Russia remained Lithuania's biggest trade partner, with 30 per cent of the total foreign trade turnover.

Brazauskas said that Lithuania established good trade relations with Belorus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan,